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SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PARTY FOR DAVID GOMPERT

PRESIDENT'S MARTINIQUE TRIP - II

FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION AS OF NOON EST,
DECEMBER 15, 1974, PREPARED BY USIA:

SUMMARY: FRENCH TELEVISION ASSERTED THAT THE FORD-GISCARD MEETING
"WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON COMING DECADES." ON OIL AND DIPLOMACY, THE
LONDON SUNDAY TELEGRAPH CARRIED A WASHINGTON REPORT TITLED,
"PENTAGON HAS WAR PLAN TO SEIZE GULF OILFIELDS." AGENCE FRANCE-
PRESSE PICKED UP THE STORY. JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS SAID BOTH
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U.S. AND FRENCH PARTICIPANTS BELIEVED A COMPROMISE ON OIL POLICY
WAS POSSIBLE AT MARTINIQUE MEETING. END SUMMARY.

PARIS: A COMMENTATOR ON GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED ORTF RADIO'S FRANCE-INTER NETWORK SAID THIS MORNING, "THERE IS A FEELING THAT THE AMERICANS ARE COMING TO MARTINIQUE WITHOUT MUCH CONVICTION, BUT FORD KNOWS HOW TO SWIM...FRANCE STILL BELIEVES THAT WAITING TOO LONG FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS WILL MAKE THEM BELIEVE THE WESTERN WORLD IS REALLY TRYING TO ORGANIZE A CARTEL OF OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES." HE SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE REMARKED TO NEWSMEN WHILE EN ROUTE TO MARTINIQUE THAT "GISCARD HAS NO MANDATE FROM THE EUROPEANS TO SPEAK IN THEIR NAME". THE COMMENTATOR OBSERVED, "THAT REMARK GIVES RISE TO SOME DOUBT ABOUT THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE'S GOOD WILL. MAKE NO MISTAKE: IT WILL BE ABOVE ALL A MEETING BETWEEN KISSINGER AND GISCARD."

COVERAGE OF BOTH THE DOMESTIC AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF PRESIDENT GISCARD'S PRESENCE IN MARTINIQUE LED LAST EVENING'S TELEVISION NEWSCASTS, BOTH NETWORKS STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD. THE SECOND NETWORK DECLARED: "THE TRIP REALLY BEGINS TONIGHT...THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON COMING DECADES...THE U.S. EXPECTS THE FRENCH TO CLARIFY THEIR POSITION: EITHER ATLANTISM AND A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP OR A CONTINUATION OF COOL RELATIONS."

A FIRST NETWORK CORRESPONDENT IN THE U.S. SAID "THE AMERICANS ARE NOT EXPECTING MIRACLES FROM THIS MEETING, BUT THEY HOPE THAT FRANCE WILL RENOUNCE ITS INDEPENDENT STANDBY ON ENERGY...BUT FOR THE U.S. THE PROBLEM HAS DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS. THEY ARE THE FIRST AMONG OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, BUT THEY ARE ALSO FIRST AMONG PRODUCER NATIONS AND THEREFORE THEIR SITUATION IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF FRANCE."

THE ONLY LARGE-CIRCULATION PARIS PAPER THAT COMES OUT ON SUNDAY, JOURNAL DU DIMANCHE, SAW "GREAT DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING THE TWO LEADERS" IN ATTEMPTING TO REACH A COMPROMISE ON ENERGY PROCEDURES. IT HELD THAT "FRANCE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY IS NOT OF PRIME IMPORTANCE" AND SUGGESTED THAT "FRANCE MIGHT PLAY THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE OPEC."

THE PAPER ALSO CARRIED A BYLINER'S COMMENT THAT "THE INSTITUTIONAL
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QUARRELS OF THE EUROPEANS" AS ILLUSTRATED IN LAST WEEK'S EC SUMMIT AND "THE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE U.S. APPEAR QUITE FUTILE WHEN COMPARED WITH THE ONLY REAL AND ENORMOUS PROBLEM FACING THE ENTIRE WESTERN WORLD: THE ECONOMIC CRISIS CREATED BY -- AMONG OTHER THINGS -- THE QUADRUPLING OF THE PRICE OF PETROLEUM." POINTING TO ARAB PETRODOLLAR INVESTMENTS IN WEST GERMAN FIRMS, THE WRITER SAW THE MAIN THREAT TO WESTERN ECONOMIES COMING FROM "THE FANTASTIC FINANCIAL POWER GENERATED BY THE OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS. THEY CAN WEIGH ON THE MONETARY SYSTEM AND AFFECT THE ECONOMIC POWER OF DECISION OF THE BIG INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. AND IF THEY IMPOSE A NEW OIL EMBARGO -- WHICH THEY CAN DO --

WE SHALL DISCOVER THAT THERE ARE WORSE THINGS THAN A HIGH PRICE FOR OIL AND THAT THE WESTERN WORLD HAD BETTER DEVELOP THE COURAGE AND THE SKILLS TO LIVE WITHOUT IT."

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE PICKED UP AND DISTRIBUTED A REPORT THAT THE LONDON SUNDAY TELEGRAPH CARRIED A WASHINGTON REPORT THAT THE PENTAGON "HAS DRAWN UP PLANS TO SEIZE KEY GULF OILFIELDS IN THE EVENT OF A NEW MIDDLE EAST WAR AND A FURTHER EMBARGO BY ARAB OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES." (SEE LONDON SECTION OF THIS REPORT.)

LONDON: THE INDEPENDENT SUNDAY TIMES CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY TWO BYLINERS SAYING THAT "GISCARD CAN BRACKET THE EEC SUMMIT WITH EARLIER TALKS WITH BREZHNEV AND IMMINENT TALKS WITH FORD AS A THREEFOLD TRIUMPH OF FRENCH INTERNATIONAL STATESMANSHIP. AFTER THE EEC SUMMIT, NONE OF MR. WILSON'S PARTNERS SEEMED TO BELIEVE HE WOULD TAKE THE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING BRITAIN OUT OF THE COMMUNITY, WHATEVER THE RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM OR HOWEVER GREAT THE STRAINS ON THE LABOR PARTY. BUT THE SUMMIT'S MOST STRIKING FEATURE WAS ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE PRESENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FRANCE ON THE ONE HAND AND THE OTHER EIGHT PLUS AMERICA ON THE OTHER, ON HOW TO TACKLE THE ENERGY PROBLEM. THE EMPHASIS WAS PUT ON 'THE CONVERGENCE OF ECONOMIC POLICIES,' AND, SIGNIFICANTLY, PRESIDENT GISCARD WAS EXPRESSLY CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF SPEAKING TO FORD ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY."

THE PAPER ALSO RAN A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE SAYING THAT THE OUTCOME OF REPORTED FORD-GISCARD NEGOTIATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT OF A FRANCO-AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANE "COULD BE THE BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL COPRODUCTION IN THE HISTORY OF AVIATION, WOULD PROVIDE THE
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FOUNDATIN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES, FACED BY RISING UNEMPLOYMENT AND AN ENERGY SHORTAGE, EARNESTLY WANT."

SATURDAY DISCUSSION APPEARED ONLY IN THE TIMES OF LONDON, WHICH CARRIED A REPORT BY WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF FRED EMERGY THAT WHITE HO USE OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT "IT IS TIME TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THE CHANGE OF TONE DETECTED SINCE PRESIDENT GISCARD TOOK OFFICE, PARTICULARLY IN THE ALL-IMPORTANT FIELDS OF OIL DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY POLICY. THERE WILL BE DISAPPOINTMENT IF FRANCE DOES NOT ACCEDE TO THE BROAD APPROACHES AGREED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRANCE'S EEC PARTNERS."

THE CONSERVATIVE LONDON SUNDAY TELEGRAPH CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT RICHARD BEESTON TITLED, "PENTAGON HAS WAR PLAN TO SEIZE GULF OILFIELDS." HE BEGAN:

"THE OPINION IN THE PENTAGON TODAY IS THAT THERE WILL BE A NEW

MIDDLE EAST WAR BY THE SPRING. AS A RESULT, CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS BEING STEPPED UP FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION TO SAVE THE WEST FROM AN ARAB OIL EMBARGO. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT STRATEGISTS BELIEVE THAT A FIFTH WAR WOULD RESULT IN AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY FOR ISRAEL BUT THEY FEAR THIS WOULD LEAD TO AN ARAB OIL EMBARGO THAT WOULD WRECK THE ECONOMIES OF WESTERN EUROPE. OFFICIALLY THE PENTAGON IS SAYING: WE HAVE NO PLANS TO GO MARCHING INTO THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ARE PREPARING A POSSIBLE MILITARY ALTERNATIVE TO DIPLOMACY."

TOKYO: JAPANESE TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPERS GAVE WIDE COVERAGE SUNDAY BUT THERE WAS LITTLE INTERPRETIVE DISCUSSION.

GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED NHK TELEVISION PREDICTED THAT "THE FRENCH SIDE WILL COMPROMISE WITH THE U.S. AT THE SUMMIT TALKS BECAUSE FRANCE WAS UNABLE TO WIN FULL SUPPORT OF THE EC COUNTRIES ON THE FRENCH ENERGY POLICY." IT ADDED THAT FRANCE MUST COMPROMISE WITH THE U.S. "TO AVOID ISOLATION."

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SIMILARLY THAT "THERE IS A VIEW THAT A COMPROMISE WILL BE REACHED AT THE MARTINIQUE TALKS BECAUSE THE U.S. SIDE HAS RECENTLY PROPOSED A UNION OF OIL CONSUMERS WHICH WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR FRANCE TO PARTICIPATE, WHILE THE FRENCH SIDE HAS CHANGED ITS PREVIOUS STAND AND RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR PREPARATIONS AMONG THE OIL CONSUMERS BEFORE THE CONVENING OF A CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE."

BUSINESS-ORIENTED SANKEI CARRIED A WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT THAT PRESIDENT FORD WAS HOPEFUL BUT CAUTIOUS ON POSSIBILITIES OF SOLVING THE U.S.-FRENCH CONFRONTATION ON OIL STRATEGY.

MODERATE TOKYO SHIMBUN SAID SUNDAY THAT A KEY QUESTION AT MARTINIQUE WAS WHETHER ADJUSTMENTS WOULD BE MADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EUROPE ON INFLATION AND RECESSION COUNTERMEASURES.

THE PAPER STATED THAT "IT APPEARS THAT THE U.S. IS VIRTUALLY CONVINCED THAT THERE WILL BE A TURNING POINT IN U.S.-FRENCH RELATIONS BECAUSE THE FRENCH SIDE IS HEADED BY GISCARD D'ESTAING, A NEW LEADER, ALTHOUGH THE U.S. IS NOT TAKING AN OPENLY OPTIMISTIC STAND DUE TO THE STRONG ANTI-U.S. DIPLOMATIC POLICY FOLLOWED BY FRANCE IN THE PAST."

ON SATURDAY EVENING, LEADING INDEPENDENT LIBERAL ASAHI CARRIED A CORRESPONDENT REPORT FROM MARTINIQUE MAINTAINING THAT THE FRENCH SIDE BELIEVES THAT A COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE ON AN OIL MEETING. YOMIURI'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SAID SATURDAY EVENING THAT THE U.S. WAS CONFIDENT THAT A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE ON THE OIL PROBLEM.

THE PAPER SAID FURTHER, "THE U.S. HOPES TO USE THE COMPROMISE AS A LEVER IN BUILDING A COOPERATIVE STRUCTURE AMONG JAPAN, THE U.S. AND EUROPE."

COMMUNIST COUNTRIES: MONITORING HAS SHOWN NO DIRECT COMMENT ON THE MARTINIQUE MEETING, BUT SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN MEDIA ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY CARRIED COMMENTARIES ON THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS RELATING THEM TO THE CURRENT ROUND OF SUMMIT TALKS AND GENERALLY ARGUING THAT THE "MILITARIST BLOC," FINDING NO SOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AFFLICTING ITS MEMBERS, COULD ONLY "PRESCRIBE A MEDICINE THAT IS LIKELY TO AGGRAVATE THE PROCESS ... A FURTHER INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMS RACE, SPENDING MORE MILLIONS
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THAT ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT WOULD BE USED TO COMBAT INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, WASTING THEM ON ARMAMENTS -- WHICH NEITHER SOW NOR REAP, NOR PRODUCE CONSUMER GOODS" (A PRAVDA OBSERVER ON RADIO MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE, SATURDAY).

A SIMILAR COMMENTARY ON ZAGREB RADIO DOMESTIC SERVICE SATURDAY SAID THAT AFTER THE VARIOUS SUMMITS OF RECENT WEEKS AND "ON THE EVE OF THE ... GISCARD D'ESTAING-FORD DIALOGUE ON MARTINIQUE, THE INTERNAL AND INTERBLOC CONTRADICTIONS ARE PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED.. HENCE THE BRUSSELS RECOMMENDATION THAT NATO SHOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN ITS MILITARY POWER, REGARDLESS OF THE RELAXATION OF TENSION BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS AND BETWEEN THE TWO MILITARY BLOCS. THE U.S. PARTICULARLY INSISTED ON THIS BECAUSE IT IS ... IN THE REPLACEMENT OF NATO'S EXISTING ARMS WITH NEW ONES THAT THE U.S. SEES AND DRAWS FOR ITSELF THE GREATEST MATERIAL BENEFIT, AS IT IS THE CHIEF SUPPLIER, EXCEPT FOR FRANCE, OF NATO'S ARMS. THIS CONTINUES TO ENSURE FOR THE U.S. ITS COMMANDING POSITION IN NATO AND ITS PREDOMINANT POSITION IN THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION." UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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